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STATE EMPLOYEES TO BE PRESENTED WITH STATE'S TOP HONOR

RALEIGH, N.C. –Fifteen state employees will be presented with the Governor's Award for Excellence on **Monday (Oct. 22) at the North Carolina Museum of History at 3:00 p.m.** Governor Mike Easley and First Lady Mary Easley will host a reception for the winners at the Executive Mansion following the ceremony.

This year's Governor's Awards for Excellence recipients illustrate a unique type of compassion for fellow citizens, for education and for North Carolina as a whole.

The 2001 recipients are:

- **Benita Burton of Hillsborough**, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences
- **Ola Caldwell of Morganton**, Department of Correction, Foothills Correctional Institution
- **Sherri Cook of Mocksville**, Department of Correction, Community Correction Division
- **Bob Curry of Raleigh**, North Carolina Wildlife Resource Commission, Division of Inland Fisheries
- **Peggy Manring of Hillsborough**, North Carolina School of Science and Math, Division of External Programs
- **Mark Munden of Raleigh**, Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management
- **Genevieve Pugh of Swannanoa**, Department of Health and Human Services, Black Mountain Center
- **Marcus Smith of Apex**, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Recreation
- **Bennie Tesh, Jr.**, Department of Insurance, Division of Investigations
- **H. Lee VanHoy**, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Environmental Health/Dairy and Food Protection
- **Professor Alfred Wiggins**, Western Carolina University, College of Arts & Sciences
- **Team Award: Department of Transportation, Bridge Maintenance Division**
 - Steve Robard Davis of Sims**
 - Jimmy Marler of Selma**
 - Wayne Lewis Miller of Clayton**
 - Tracey Kenneth Stephenson of Clayton**

The Governor's Award for Excellence is the highest honor a state employee can receive. Recipients are nominated by other state employees. The Governor's Committee for Recognition of State Employees selected this year's 15 recipients from 81 statewide nominations.

A detailed account of each recipient's accomplishment is available on the Office of State Personnel's web site at www.osp.state.nc.us.